

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are in the case. The applicants have studied the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005 and believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the opportunity to interview the Examiner prior to issuance of a Final Rejection, to discuss in the interview the Examiner's rejections if the Examiner has questions or if for some reason this response does not place the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by the Downs et al reference, U.S. Pat. No. 6,226,618. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 8 is directed to a "method of installing an application program for execution on a data processing system" comprising *inter alia* "defining a user configuration of the application program installation corresponding to a particular user of the application program; encrypting and storing the user application program installation configuration in a manifest file; determining that the stored user application program installation configuration corresponds to the particular user; authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program; decrypting the manifest file in response to the user authentication; and building the application program pursuant to the user application program installation configuration decrypted from the manifest file." It is the Examiner's position that the Downs reference teaches "defining a user configuration of the application program installation corresponding to a particular user of the application program" citing column 80, lines 20-30 of the Downs reference. However, it is clear that the Examiner's citation discusses configuring a "helper" application to a web browser, not "defining a user configuration of the application program installation corresponding to a particular user of the application program":

It unpacks and installs both the Helper Application 198 and the Player application 195 and also configure[s] the Helper Application 198 to the installed Web Browser(s). Downs, col. 80, lines 22 *et seq.*

A web browser is of course quite different from a particular user. As used in the present application, the term "user" refers to a human individual, not a web browser:

Preferably, users should be able to move between different workstations, and still be able to access their tools and data, another potential advantage of a thin client. Present application, page 3, lines 19 *et seq.*

Similarly, it is the Examiner's position that the Downs reference teaches "building the application program pursuant to the user application program installation configuration decrypted from the manifest file" citing column 70, line 63 to column 71, line 9 of the Downs reference. Again, the Examiner's citations fail to provide any teaching or suggestion of "building the application program pursuant to the user application program installation configuration decrypted from the manifest file." Configuring a helper application to a web browser is simply not "building the application program pursuant to the user application program installation configuration decrypted from the manifest file." Indeed, the Examiner has not cited any teaching or suggestion that the "downloadable Content 113" of the Downs reference is in any manner configured for a particular user pursuant to a user application program installation configuration defined for a particular user.

Independent claims 1 and 15 may be distinguished in a similar fashion. Claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-21 depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1, 8 or 15. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is improper for the reasons given above. Moreover, claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-21

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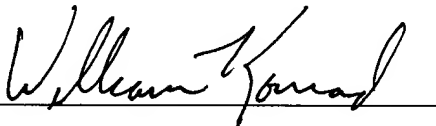
include additional limitations, which in combination with the base and intervening claims from which they depend provide still further grounds of patentability over the cited art.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-21 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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